GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION OF BARRAGE BY CHINA ON SUTLEJ RIVER
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has constructed a barrage on river Sutlej without taking India into confidence;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the matter was taken up with the Chinese Government; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Chinese Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) − (d) Government have seen reports suggesting that China has constructed a small bund on the river Sutlej in Western Tibet for power generation to meet the requirements of the locality.

India and China have an Expert Level Mechanism on trans-border rivers to discuss interaction and cooperation on the provision of flood season hydrological data, emergency management and other issues. Two meetings have been held so far.